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Cost involved in the inoculation of animals by Veterinary doctors.

*657 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to question No. 218 answered on 6th September 1928, regarding the inoculation of animals by veterinary doctors, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state to what extent the old and new serum will be used and the cost to Government for each during the year 1928-29?

A.—It is not possible to say definitely to what extent the old and new methods of inoculation will be used during the current year. The cost of anti-rinderpest sera used up to 1st October for the old serum alone inoculations and the new serum simultaneous inoculations was Rs. 1,28,900 and Rs. 53,300 respectively.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I ask the hon. the Minister for Development whether the Government are aware that the report of the Agricultural Commission has condemned this serum-alone method as useless?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Yes, they are quite aware."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I know then why the Government are not taking any action in the matter?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The Government are taking action, but only slowly."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I know why they proceed slowly in a matter where they should proceed with haste?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"They want to proceed cautiously."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Has not the Director of Agriculture condemned the serum-alone method? Is the hon. Minister looking forward for any better results from a method which has been tried and found as useless?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Yes, we admit that the serum-alone method is bad. Though we can condemn it in a way, yet we are trying to obtain some results out of this method."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Supplemental questions are not intended to give information."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Serious injury is done to the poor and innocent ryots by prosecuting them for not submitting their cattle to be inoculated by this useless method."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member will take some other opportunity for condemning such a method."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"In Mysore State the serum that is used is entirely a new kind of serum. Is the hon. Minister aware of it?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"I am not aware of it."

Registration

Appointments in the Registration department.

*657-A Q.—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased—

(i) to place on the table of the House—

(a) a list of Sub-Registrars in the upper grade on the 3rd September 1928 with the total service of each individual and the age and community to which each belongs;

(*b*) the letter of the Inspector-General of Registration asking for the creation of a selection grade of sub-registrars ; and

(ii) to state—

(*a*) on what principle the persons referred to in clause (i) (*a*) were selected from the total body of sub-registrars ;

(*b*) the name of those who have been put into the new selection grade ; and

(*c*) whether the claims of any persons have been superseded and if so, why ?

A.—(i) (*a*) The list is published in the list of officers in the Registration department.

(*b*) A copy of the letter is appended herewith.[a]

(ii) (*a*) The selection was made with reference to seniority, efficiency and community.

(*b*) A list is appended.[a]

(*c*) Persons who were considered unfit have been superseded.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Navigation

Expenditure on improvements to the Buckingham Canal.

658 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government intend to spend about 3 lakhs of rupees on the Buckingham canal;

(*b*) what the extent of this canal is ;

(*c*) what benefit it is hoped to be derived from this improvement ; and

(*d*) what is the estimated return from this further investment of 3 lakhs ?

A.—(*a*) Estimates amounting to Rs. 1·92 lakhs have been approved for the improvement of the junction canal and the south section of the canal and an allotment of Rs. 62,700 is made in the current year's budget.

(*b*) The canal is 262 miles long extending from Peddaganjam in the Guntur district to Markanam in the South Arcot district.

(*c*) Boats will be able to use the canal to a greater extent than is now possible.

(*d*) An extra annual revenue of Rs. 1·16 lakhs is expected ultimately from a gradual increase in the fees.

Forest Panchayats

Nomination of depressed classes to forest panchayats in Ceded districts.

659 *Q.*—Mr. M. V. Gangadhara Siva : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many forest panchayat courts have been started in the Ceded districts ;

[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 127—129 infra.